2017 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2017 Teacher and Principal of the Year winners. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, pushing them to achieve at the highest levels in the state. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year semi-finalists and finalists will be honored at the 10th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration in partnership with Dream Teachers on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

2017 OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JONI SMITH
Livingston Parish

2017 OVERALL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

SEDRIC CLARK
DeSoto Parish

2017 TEACHER DIVISION WINNERS

AMBER BEACH
Elementary – Bossier Parish

ANNA TARVER
Middle – Franklin Parish

TORRENCE WILLIAMS
High – West Feliciana Parish

2017 PRINCIPAL DIVISION WINNERS

ELIZABETH ANN COOK
Elementary – Monroe City Schools

KENNY DELCAMBRE
Middle – Lafourche Parish

JOEY LAROCHE
High – KIPP New Orleans Schools

2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

ERIN HARLESS
Calcasieu Parish

KALANDRA LOYD
Tensas Parish

KATHLEEN ABBOUD
Terrebonne Parish

KRISTIN HUDSON
Caddo Parish

NATISHIA THANNI-IRVIN
East Baton Rouge Parish

2017 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

DAVID KARL CARPENTER
Rapides Parish

JODI ROMERO
Iberia Parish

KAY DORNIER
St. James Parish

RAE DAIGLE
Jefferson Davis Parish

CAROLYN SUE BARFIELD
Claiborne Parish

2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

ADAM KOHLER
KIPP New Orleans Schools

ALISHA WILLIAMS
Avoyelles Parish

CASEY McMANN
Plaquemines Parish

DERRICK WALKER
City of Baker Schools

ISAAC FIELDS, JR.
East Carroll Parish

KAREN DOTTOLO
St. John the Baptist Parish

KAYE PACE
Monroe City Schools

KRISTEN McCULLOUGH
DeSoto Parish

MISTY SAVAGE
Union Parish

NICOLE HARVEY
Zachary Community School District

PIERRE MARTEL
St. Landry Parish

TAMMY CLEMENT
St. James Parish

TERA LaPRARIE
Rapides Parish

TERRIE HASTEN-FLEMING
Iberville Parish

VERONICA JOHNSON
Natchitoches Parish

2017 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

BRITT COLON
Ascension Parish

CHANTELL WALKER
St. John the Baptist Parish

CHAREE THERIOT
St. Martin Parish

CHRISTINE BACON
Evangeline Parish

DARRELL DILLIARD
Terrebone Parish

FRANK JABBIA
St. Tammany Parish

GERALD BADGLEY
Caddo Parish

JAMIE NOEL
East Baton Rouge Parish

JANET GUERRINI
Vermilion Parish

MARK PERRY
Jefferson Parish

NORMAN BOOKER, III
Sabine Parish

NORRETTA WILLIAMS
Lafayette Parish

STEPHONIE FRENCH
Natchitoches Parish

WANDA TEMPLET
Assumption Parish

WILLIAM FRIZELL
Livingston Parish

2016 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS

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JESSICA MAJOR
Port Allen, LA

CHANDLER SMITH
Plaquemine, LA

JOHN LARY
Shreveport, LA

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